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Laura Davis

Sarah Pugh

Dear Friends

Some time before

I left Boston I received a letter from S. Pugh, consulting me as to the advisability of sending our agents to England to solicit and to procure times & ways, for going Philadelphia Fair. Duly as I felt interested in the prosperity of that interesting, & no way of procuring aid for it from England there seemed to me which would not have been liable to insuperable objections. The greatest of which was, that the Philadelphia Fair, being, so to speak, provincial & not national in its plan could not on that very account make out a coalition sufficiently strong for more general or a, frequently while the na-

trional A. S. Boylston at Boston  
was, by its entire disinterestedness  
in paying over almost every  
penny of its receipts to the National  
Anti-Slavery Society, making so very strong  
a paramount a claim. Still it  
seems so desirable that the most  
should be made of this great Phila-  
delphia fes - the largest in  
the Union, by concentrated effort  
& careful cultivation, that the  
subject has received to me since  
a multitude of trans, and always  
with a nearer approximation to  
the solving of the problem. This  
I think I have at last done; -  
but you shall see, & tell me  
how it feels (as your friends say) to  
thee. Why not secure all possible  
advantages & remove all possible  
obstacles, by assuming, yourself,  
after consultation & agreement with  
our Committee in Boston, the style

and date of 18<sup>th</sup> the National A.S.  
Bazaar, at Philadelphia. It  
would not probably be practicable  
for you to pay over the whole  
amounts to the National Society,  
as we have always done be-  
cause your engagements & contracts  
for the German funds necessarily  
have been previously made on  
the strength of the amount accepted from  
your fair. But I suppose your prospec-  
tus should state, "all money over &  
above the sum of \$1000 received  
at the "National A.S. Bazaar Phila"  
will be paid over as donat to Gen-  
ces Jackson, treasurer of the Am.

A.S. Soc. This would give you more  
plent & national claim, character &  
importance without injuring your  
State prospects or deranging your  
State Island. I send them with  
distrustfully subject to the English  
agents writing upon them the  
freely for the sake of the  
cause, of changing the destine-

tion of their goods to Philadelphia  
in this one season, at least, till the  
experiment could be fairly tried in  
a time of energy, whether or no  
the Philadelphia field might be made  
as much more productive a one  
than the Boston field, as it is larger  
& more promising in appearance.

All our available strength should  
be turned to that way — The like  
Bill, however printed in Boston should  
have the information of Philadelphia,  
& a few of  
our most experienced salesmen (&  
no others) should give all the help  
their presence could afford, & bring  
all the results of their exertions  
to the common stock. All together,  
working to the same end all the  
year, & having the real effective  
at its close a small larger unit of  
soils could be spread there and kept  
& a fuller & more favourable sale  
brought to fill them. The broadest ad-

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buttsments in every practicable  
paper through the three great  
at the cities — the modest distribution  
of judiciously written circular notes.  
The most rigid adherence to proper  
prices, over which the best judgment  
must preside that nothing should  
ever be sold too cheap (such like  
the Abbé Bernis for his cardinal's  
hat, one good can wait.) It  
is the worst possible policy to  
get rid of the goods. It is easier  
to sell 200 articles for 200 dollars;  
But a little more care & pains will  
enable one to sell 100 articles for 200  
dollars, by which one has the same  
amount of money & half the same  
amount of goods together with the  
consent of having done notice to  
the donors by whose help such they  
have been furnished & of having  
preserved the means in ones hand  
of holding another fair in another

Place. This will be an indispensable  
article of agreement between the  
adelsphr & Mass. in case this Bazaar  
should be adopted by you; as the  
only means left by such an agree-  
ment, to our Committee, would be  
the whole remainder of whatever  
goods we had directed from Great  
Britain or elsewhere into your  
hands. But if these members  
previons exertions were made  
as they ought & doubtless would  
be this remainder might not be large.  
The obligt. on all hands must be  
to have it as small as possible  
without sacrifice of goods. In case  
this plan should be mutually adopted  
I think you would see, by the energetic  
operation of Massachusetts speakers,  
agents, writers, sellers, & laborers of  
all sorts, that she does not think  
the cause a place or a state  
But feels Pennsylvania all over.

I will surely ~~try~~ <sup>put</sup> out these  
hints, only acting for the present,  
that if your Committee & the  
Massachusetts Committee should agree  
in this plan, I will co-operate  
in the most effectual manner  
in my power.

With affectionate regards  
to all your households in which  
all mine here unites, I am  
Dear Friends  
ever yours

(Always & affectionately)

A. W. Chapman

with two different persons who  
traveled out of the city. ~~on~~  
Left afternoon with Mr. Sally  
who had returned from New York  
stated his health was  
improved. Went with Mr.  
Lindley down to  
the pier.

This is the weather so bad  
as to prevent my getting  
out & about and I have  
nothing to do  
but stay here

Yours affecly  
John C. B.  
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